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Thru: Joe Helfrich, Permit Supervisor-Compliance *JH*
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From: Peter Hess, Reclamation Specialist III *PH*

RE: Map Review, Wild Horse Ridge Project, Co-Op Mining Company, Bear Canyon Mine,
ACT/015/025-98-1, Folder #2, Emery County, Utah

SUMMARY:

The permittee is proposing to permit the Bear Canyon #3 and #4 Mines which will be developed in the Blind Canyon and Tank coal seams as they are located on the east side of Bear Canyon Creek. This project is a major permit revision as it will require an extensive road and conveyor construction effort to access the seams. The permittee anticipates that initiation of main development will occur in the Blind Canyon seam in 2000; in the Tank seam in 2001. No longwall extraction is to be utilized in either seam. Additional surface facilities will include a shop, fuel and water storage, a sediment pond in the face-up area, new access roads, a raw coal storage facility, and a conveyor system to transfer the run-of-mine product from the portal area to the main Bear Canyon coal storage pad area.

CONCERNS:

Plates 3-2G and 3-2F, Post Mining Topography drawings contradict each other as to the status of the access road post reclamation of the mine facilities. Plate 3-2G east of match line F-F' shows that all access roads will be reclaimed (dashed line along road berms). Plate 3-2F west of match line F-F' shows that all access roads will be retained as part of the post mining land use, with the exception of the primary conveyor access service road.

I have no other concerns with any of the other maps.

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